

It was observed that the Agriculture Department moves the proposal for engagement of casual labour, procurement of fertilizer etc. when the fund is released under SCA while the department should move such proposal at the beginning of the financial year itself on the basis of the projects under the annual TSP so that the agricultural operations could be carried out before the end of the monsoon to avoid surrender of fund.

The selling price of coconut of OMPCS, Dugong Creek fixed at Rs. 3.50 /- per nut was discussed and revised to Rs. 4/- per nut taking into account the prevailing market price of coconut. The price will be effective from 1.3.2000.

5. **Health :**

Nobody from Health Department attended the TSP review meeting inspite of the fact that a notice was delivered to the office of the DHS on 31.1.2000. Hence, the progress could not be reviewed. However, the representative of the APWD informed that an amount of Rs. 93.30 lakhs was spent upto Dec'99 towards capital works (building) against an allotment of Rs. 120.00 lakhs in the revised estimates. The following construction works viz. extension of CHC, Katchal, medical sub-centre at Enam, Luxi, Inlay in Teressa island, Lapathy and Arong in Car-Nicobar, Chowra, Champin and Katchal were in progress.

6. **Ports & Light Houses :**

An expenditure of Rs. 21.49 lakhs was spent upto Jan'2000 against an outlay of Rs. 52.00 lakhs. The Executive Engineer, ALHW stated that a Jetty at Car-Nicobar is under construction and survey and investigation for construction of new jetties at Pilowmilow, Pilopanja, Pilowbhabi, Kopenheat and Trinket, Little Nicobar, Chowra and Teressa are being carried out. There will be no surrender of fund under TSP.

7. **Power :**

An expenditure of Rs. 306.00 lakhs including Rs. 45.00 lakhs towards buildings was incurred upto Jan'2000 against an outlay of Rs. 421.25 lakhs. The representative of SE, Electricity was asked to send details of projects completed upto Jan'2000 and those likely to be completed during remaining part of the current financial year immediately.